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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/551)*]

64/232. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, 54/244 of 23 December 1999, 59/272 of 23 December 2004, 60/259 of 8 May 2006, 61/275 of 29 June 2007, 63/265 of 24 December 2008, 63/276 of 7 April 2009 and 63/287 of 30 June 2009,

Having considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its activities for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009[1] and the related note by the Secretary-General,[2] as well as chapter III of the annual report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee,[3]

1. *Reaffirms* its primary role in the consideration of and action taken on reports submitted to it;

2. *Also reaffirms* its oversight role and the role of the Fifth Committee in administrative and budgetary matters;

3. *Further reaffirms* the independence and the separate and distinct roles of the internal and external oversight mechanisms;

4. *Recalls* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall exercise operational independence under the authority of the Secretary-General relating to the performance of its internal oversight functions, in accordance with the relevant resolutions;

5. *Encourages* United Nations internal and external oversight bodies to enhance the level of their cooperation with one another, such as joint work planning sessions, without prejudice to the independence of each;

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[1] A/64/326 (Part I) and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[2] A/64/326 (Part I) Add.2.

[3] A/64/288.

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6. *Emphasizes* the importance to effective internal oversight of good cooperation at all levels between management and the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;

8. *Recalls* that in its resolution 61/275 it approved the terms of reference of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee;

9. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its activities for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009[1] and the related note by the Secretary-General;[2]

10. *Also takes note* of chapter III of the annual report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee in respect of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[3]

11. *Stresses* that all reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall continue to be submitted in accordance with the format prescribed in section IV, paragraphs 7 and 8, of General Assembly resolution 63/248 of 24 December 2008;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to address recurring recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services dealing with issues that are systemic in nature;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the accepted recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in a prompt and timely manner and to provide detailed justifications in cases where recommendations of the Office are not accepted;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all relevant resolutions, including resolutions of a cross-cutting nature, are brought to the attention of relevant managers, and that the Office of Internal Oversight Services also takes those resolutions into account in the conduct of its activities;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all relevant resolutions pertaining to the work of the Office of Internal Oversight Services are brought to the attention of the relevant managers;

16. *Expresses deep concern* at the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services referred to in paragraph 37 of its report,[4] and reiterates that the Office shall not propose to the General Assembly any change in the legislative decisions and mandates approved by intergovernmental legislative bodies;

17. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Office of Internal Oversight Services conducts its activities in accordance with its mandate as contained in resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244 and 59/272 and in the present resolution;

18. *Reiterates its requests* to the Secretary-General to make every effort to fill vacancies in the Office of Internal Oversight Services as a matter of priority, in accordance with the existing relevant provisions governing recruitment in the United Nations;

19. *Notes* that the five-year non-renewable term of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services will expire in July 2010, and in this regard urges the Secretary-General to ensure that timely arrangements are made to find a

[4] A/64/326 (Part I) and Corr.1.

successor in full conformity with the provisions of paragraph 5 (*b*) of resolution 48/218 B.

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